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18 March. 1911

Elmer Jordan & Co.
Chicago Ill -

Gentlemen:-

Yours of Mar 13th is at hand offering $1700 - for deed of lot Cor 64 & Tallman Sts - After recalling conversations with my father now deceased, I think he purchased this and two or three other lots paying for them one $2500 - I am unable to find his deed - At his death what few papers he had were not in one place - and some others have been missing -

I will give a quit-claim deed made out by you signed by myself and wife together if necessary with affidavit stating my sole heirship and the fact that there are no claims against estate of James H. Robinson - when a certified check for ($2000) two thousand dollars is in the possession of Delaware National Bank payable to my order - Hoping this will meet the ability of your client - I am Yours truly -

W. C. Robinson

STATED MEETINGS:--THIRD MONDAY IN APRIL AND FOURTH MONDAY IN SEPTEMBER

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Worcester, N. Y., March 12, 1924

To Rev. W. C. Robinson, D.D.,
Delhi, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Robinson:— Yours of March 11 received. As to Rankin's letter of inquiry, I would say, that when sending out the blanks for Sunday School statistics, I requested the individual Churches to forward them when filled to Rev. J. C. Rankin, Laurens, N. Y., as he was the only one authorized in our Presbytery to receive them. As yet we are working under our old organization and must do so until we are re-organized at the Spring meeting in Oneonta. That will be on the 21st of April. I think that Petrie did right in sending the blanks for the tabulated reports to Rankin. Rankin did the work last Spring, why should he not do it again this Spring? If he should resign in favor of Petrie, who can receive his resignation or who can appoint Petrie to do it? Petrie's Committee is on "General Education," not on "Christian Education," and there is so much difference between the ground covered by them that we cannot infer that the Committee on General Education will be continued as the re-organized Christian Education Committee. I will write to Rankin explaining the matter, and also to Dr. Robinson of the new Board of Christian Education.

Before March 1st, I sent to Mr. Davies half a dozen copies of the Standing Rules that at the Committee's meeting we had been able to agree on, for further study and presentation to other members of the Committee. I supposed that as chairman of the Committee he would in due time attend to that matter. Lest there be any misunderstanding about the matter, I am enclosing for you a copy of the proof taken. Study well, mark any corrections, additions or

suggestions that may occur to you and then forward to Mr. Davies at your earliest convenience. These remember are but proofs. After each member of the Committee have reported their examination of the document to Mr. Davies, and he finds that no essential changes are suggested, he then will order a copy sent to every Minister and Church in the Presbytery, so that they may know what they are to vote on when they come to Presbytery. If there are essential or important changes suggested, then he may think it necessary to call another meeting of the Committee. He has probably explained these matters fully to you already.

We were sorry that you could not be with us when we met at Owanta (J. M. C. A.) to discuss the rules that are to be our guide in the future, but certainly appreciate the validity of your reason for absence.

Under the circumstances we simply did the best that we could. At least we made a beginning and we hope that we may be able to present a document to Presbytery that in essential features may be adopted. In many particulars it may appear quite revolutionary, but we hope at least to be able to face the question in all sincerity — Whither are we drifting?

Very truly Yours,

W. D. Jones.

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Worcester, N.Y., Feb. 11, 1924

My Dear Dr. Robinson:—

Your letter of inquiry about the Committee on Revision of Rules received few days ago. According to the minutes, the names of those on the Committee stand as follows: Revs. David C. Davies, W. D. Jones, W. S. Kilpatrick, W. C. Robinson, D.D.

My inference was that when you appointed the Committee your intention was that Mr. Davies should be Chairman. Of course you did not appoint yourself on the Committee at all but others did that, because they wanted your help and good judgment.

At any rate I have ventured to write to Mr. Davies suggesting that he call the Committee together at Oneonta, sometime next week at such time and place as he thinks best. It is his place to do so because his name occurs first on the list. So I have put it up to him.

What the other members of the Committee have been doing I do not know. I hope that they have and will give the matter very serious attention. I ~~have~~ helped ~~it~~ in putting our present Standing Rules in the shape that they are in— in formulating some of them, presenting them ~~to~~ the Presbytery, printing them, and ever since trying to bring up Presbytery into conformity with them. So great changes have come over the Church in the past few years that our rules are sadly in need of re-construction or our practices need changing. At considerable labor I have practically gone over

our whole system with a view of correlating it with the re-organization of our Boards and agencies as these function in all the higher judicatories. The rest of the Committee may not agree with me, but I believe that I have sufficient material put in order that we can have a most profitable discussion of the whole matter and determine definitely what provisions we should adopt.

If others have taken up the matter in a similar manner, that will make our meeting all the more helpful.

With best wishes,

Cordially Yours,

W. L. Jones.

28,January 1924.

My dear Mr.Jackson,-

Your very kind letter of January 26th is before me. Unfortunately I do not happen to have any plans which would bring me in the direction of Lancaster. This is the full tide of the church year and I am particularly busy just at this time.

I have heard much of the Lancaster Church and remember that my great-uncle Colonel George Robinson was once its Pastor. It would be a great honor and a great pleasure to occupy your pulpit and I esteem very highly your cordial invitation, but I do not see how I can conscientiously leave my own work at this time, even for such a privilege.

Mrs.Robinson would enjoy accepting your thoughtful invitation to her, but I am afraid we must both decline at this time.

With the most cordial good wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

Mr.J.Chester Jackson,
First Presbyterian Church,
Lancaster,Penna.

THE UNIVERSITY OF OMAHA
OFFICE OF PRESIDENT

Omaha, Nebr., December 19, 1923.

Rev. Dr. Courtland Robinson,
Delhi, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Robinson:

I have been on the point of writing you for some weeks past to say that I would like to communicate with you confidentially on some matters in regard to the situation in the Seminary at Princeton. It has been my hope to take a trip east sme time during the winter but I am not sure that I can arrange to make the proposed trip. Should the way open for me to make the trip I would like to meet you somewhere and have a conversation on the matter to which I make reference.

I was much interested in reading of your move from Philadelphia to Delhi and hope that the change is proving in every way satisfactory. With kind remembrances of our old associations at Princeton and warmest good wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year I am,

Yours very truly,

D. E. Jenkins
President

WINWOOD
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PENNSYLVANIA

May 18, 1923.

My dear Dr. Robinson, I wrote my friend John Carson one day telling him how much my husband and I needed his thoughts on the lessons. Our young people surely knew his name, at least, as we constantly quoted from his interpretation. No one could possibly miss him more than we did when he ceased

writing for the teacher helps. We enjoy and use frequently Floyd Tompkins but the Ledger does not always come to us in the country. Dr. Kerr too is very good at times—

But the thought I want to reach you is that your biographical sketches this spring are simply fine. Last Sunday with David I tried to memorize each paragraph — You used just

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enough material in your most practical talk. My girls — seemed to listen with intense interest. I am growing more and more interested in the great help you bring to me as a teacher and I thank you

Sincerely

Agnes Irwin.
(Mrs. John M.)

P.S. By the way Mr. Irwin has a class of men and I of girls and young wives in the First Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh and use your notes in the Presbyterian. Average attendance thirty men and seventy girls.

A. L.

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CHICAGO, ILL.,

May 15, 1923.

Mr. W. Courtland Robinson,
Delhi, New York.

Dear Sir:

I had the matter of taking up your deed sent to the bank up with the bank people this morning and explained to them the situation about it, and asked them to write to you in connection with the claim, which they said they would.

Now if you will execute the table of heirship I forwarded to you before a Notary and send it direct to me or to the bank, we will close this matter out at once. [illegible] Bank [illegible] at once [illegible]

I trust you will attend to that without delay.

Very respectfully yours,

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Now, as an evidence that this is a business proposition, I have gone to the expense of ordering a Guarantee Policy on these lots, and where you have no abstract, it costs considerable, and I am bound to pay for that whether I get the lot or not.

Another thing, it is I who puts up this bond to guarantee the party who loans money on this property that the title is good and that there are no debts against the estate of James Henry Robinson, not you, you are giving me a Quit Claim deed, I am taking it from you subject to all claims and demands. I am not asking of you anything except that you be fair, I am not asking you to make yourself liable for anything, I am taking this title subject to all claims, all tax deeds, all back taxes, all forfeitures, all special assessments.

You remember that in my first letter to you or in one of my first letter to you, I told you that I would need you aid in showing the title in you, that is all I ask. Fill in the blank spaces in this affidavit of heirship, sign it up before a Notary Public, get it back to me by return mail, and I will show you that you will not be bothered by any further letters from me, and you will get your money from the bank by return mail.

Very truly yours,

William A. S. Irvin

over last
Your Lawyer

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss,
COUNTY OF DELAWARE)

W,Courtland Robison, of lawful age, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and says, that resides at "Cherry Hill" in the Town and Village of Delhi, in the County of Delaware and State of New York, and that he, this affiant is the son of JAMES HENRY,ROBINSON, who during his life time became the owner of Lots 19 and 20 in Block 5 in East Chicago Lawn, being Swannell's Sub--division of the West Half of the East Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 24, Township 38 North, Range 13 East of the Third Principal Meridien in Cook County, Illinois,

Affiant further says that JAMES HENRY,ROBINSON on or about the 20th day of December A,D, 1864, was married to MATTIE A,ROBINSON, whose maiden name was MATTIE A,STEWART, and that said JAMES HENRY ROBINSON and MATTIE A, ROBINSON his wife lived together as husband and wife until the death of said MATTIE A. ROBINSON, the mother of this affiant, which occurred on or about the 13th day of July 1878,

Affiant further says, that JAMES HENRY ROBINSON, died intestate on April 2nd 1922, and that as a result of said marriage above stated, there was but one child born, and one only, this affiant , W,COURTLAND ROBINSON, son, and that said JAMES HENRY ROBINSON, never adppted any child or children,

Affiant further says, that after the death of said MATTIE A, ROBINSON , asa hereinabove stated, said JAMES HENRY ROBINSON, on or about the 10th day of July 1881, was married to MARGARET P, ROBINSON, whose former name was MARGARET P,WHITE, and who died on or about the day of December 19[illegible], and said JAMES HENRY ROBINSON and said MARGARET P,ROBINSON, his wife lived together as husband and wife from the time of their said marriage until the death of said MARGARET P,ROBINSON as above stated, And as a result of said marriage no child or children were to them born,

Affiant durther says, that all debts against said JAMES HENRY ROBINSON are paid, and that he left him surviving as his sole and only heir at law, this affiant his son, W,COURTLAND ROBINSON, and further affiant sayeth not .

Subscribed and sworn to before
me this 16th day of May, A,D,1923,

Notary Public in and for the
County of Delaware, New York,
My commission expires March 30th 1925,

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CHICAGO, ILL.,

April 5, 1923.

Mr. W. C. Robinson,
Delhi, New York.

Dear Sir:

Did James H. Robinson leave a will?

Has the estate been fully probated and the proceedings in the Probate Court closed up? I see in the letter you wrote "Executor" and then wrote "Administrator" over it, that is the cause of my inquiry regarding the will.

You see if this estate has not been fully closed up, there naturally would be a question as to claims against this property, and while you may say that there are none, the difficulty is that we do not know we have no way of knowing, and necessarily any one who takes title to this property, takes it subject to that condition; and, of course, that is in addition to the tax claims against it.

Please let me hear from you regarding that feature of the estate and then I will be in a position to make you some kind of an offer. It may not be a great deal, on the other hand, whatever you get out of this will be just so much found.

Awaiting your reply, I remain

Yours very truly,

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CHICAGO, ILL.,

May 14, 1923.

Mr. W. Courtland Robinson,
Delhi, New York.

My dear Mr.Robinson:

I have your letter of the 12th and I am somewhat mystified at the stand you have taken, you know that this is a business proposition pure and simple. There is no feeling about it whatever. I want these lots providing you have something to sell, and I can afford to pay you the amount you ask providing I can get them before the title becomes any further mixed.

But I must have evidence that I am getting the title, and the only way that can be established is by a proof of heirship under oath. Without this proof of heirship, namely that you are the sole surviving heir at law of James Henry Robinson, your deed would be worthless to me or to anyone else. You must remember that the proceedings in the Probate Court in Delaware County are incomplete, that no inventory has been filed and no proof of heirship made. Had that been done, I would not have need of this affidavit as it would show who the heirs are. and I could get a certified copy

Now this is not gossip, what somebody tells you, if there is any doubt in your mind about it, take this affidavit to your lawyer, show him this letter, and he will know immediately what I need. He will know that I must have an affidavit showing that you are the sole and only surviving heir at law of James Henry Robinson, deceased, and that I must have in this affidavit a statement that James Henry Robinson owned this property. So as to connect the two

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CHICAGO, ILL.,

May 7, 1923.

Mr. W. C. Robinson,
Delhi, New York.

Dear Sir:

Deed came to the bank this morning, but the copy of the proceedings had in the Probate Court is worthless, as it does not tell us anything beyond the fact that you were appointed administrator.

Therefore, would you kindly give me the following information as I will have to frame it up on an affidavit ? Give me the name of your mother, maiden name -- and state the date of your father and mother's marriage or about as near as you can get to it.

Then give me the date of your birth

And follow that up by giving me the date of the death of your father and also the date of the death of your mother, then I can fix this matter up with an affidavit and I will have to put up a bond to cover the liability of there being any claims against the estate.

Please get this data to me as quickly as you can, and oblige

Very truly yours,

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CHICAGO, ILL.,

April 12, 1923.

Mr. W. C. Robinson,
Delhi, New York.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter regarding these lots. The situation is just like this, I would have to buy a surety bond that would probably cost me in the neighborhood of a hundred dollars or more to go along with these lots, then I would have to pay for having the estate run through the probate here that would add to the expense in additon to the delay. If you care to accept $100.00 or such a matter for a Quit Claim, I would be willing to gamble that much on it, as that would be about what I would be doing. Of course, you understand that this amount would be net to you, I would be willing to stand all the expense of securing a record.

There is another matter, the question of an abstract comes up, have you such a thing? And in order to get this right down to concrete facts, I am enclosing you a deed for execution by yourself and wife. If my proposition is acceptable, execute this deed, send it to the Continental and Commercial National Bank of Chicago, together with your abstract and direct them to deliver same to me upon the payment of $100.00, and I will take it up and pay that amount and collection charges. You might write me concerning the deed as sometime the bank is alittle slow about notifying me of its having arrived.

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CHICAGO, ILL.,

April 23, 1923.

Mr. W. C. Robinson,
DElhi, New York.

Dear Sir:

I was just figuring up this morning the charges against the two lots as the tax interest was asking me how I was getting along. May I not hear from you by return mail one way or the other as to what you wish to do ?

The back taxes, special assessments and forfeitures against these lots now, run something over $600.00, and all of the improvements are not in. The cost of showing the estate of James H. Robinson will amount to considerable, and my client figures that if they are allowed to go to another sale there won't be anything in them. Therefore, I trust I may hear from you by return mail and oblige

Very truly yours,

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CHICAGO, ILL.,

March 30, 1923.

Mr. James H. Robinson,
Delphi, New York.

Dear Sir:

I am engaged in clearing up title to property in and about Chicago, and I find two lots record title to which stands in your name, but upon which no taxes have been paid for a number of years; as a consequence, the charges now against these lots would amount to as much as they would probably bring at a sale. However, if I can get in touch with you I can possibly save you something out of this wreck, as I would recommend that the tax buyer pay something for a quit claim rather than expend the money in court costs.

Herewith postage. Please let me hear from you without delay.

Respectfully yours,

William A. S. Irvin

MRS. EVERETT L. JONES
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HIGHLAND PARK, MICH.

Dear Dr. Robinson—

The occassional letters from you are real treasures in this household. We often talk and wish that you good people would come to Detroit and take up the work in the Woodward Ave. Presbyterian Church here.

The field is large - interesting and tremendously in need of the right man. I mentioned your name to the committee (for which no doubt Mrs. R. will some day punish me soundly) and one of

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these days you will have a representative from the church visit you. I get her viewpoint exactly but if she only would see how badly Detroit needs you! It is undoubtedly wonderful to be home in Delhi but —

I feel just like that sometimes about the city and feel tempted to drag Everett back to Noddington or some equally peaceful place for the rest of our days and then? look at the other side of the picture and in "stick."

Father is with us in the winter and

then we spend part of our vacation
in Maddington. This year we
drove to Bar Harbor, Maine and
had a fine trip.

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P.S. Started this letter a while ago -
and haven't time now to finish it -
only just wish you and yours
the very happiest kind of Christmas
and a New year brim full of
the real joy -

Sincerely
Ethel R. Jones